

**Fort Montgomery Fire District
PO Box 71
Fort Montgomery, NY 10922**

August 20, 2019

The eighth regular monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:08 pm by Michael Cahill, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Opening Ceremonies: Led by Anthony Camp

Present: Chairman Mickey Cahill, Commissioners Andrew Lynch, John Monteleone, and Anthony Camp; Treasurer Debbie Jersey; Secretary Jennifer Hurst

Absent: Rich Salva, Commissioner; Asst. Chief Ryan Falk

Fire Department Attendees: Chief Don Smith

Guests: None

Communications:

1. Homeland Security & Emergency Services – invited to attend the NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony on October 8th at 11:00 am at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center.
2. Assoc. of Fire Districts, Orange County – next meeting will be August 27th at the Goshen Fire Department
3. Kornfeld, Rew, Newman & Simeone – paperwork and notice on budget hearing set for October 15, 2019
4. Kornfeld, Rew, Newman & Simeone – notice informing us that they are increasing their retainer by \$1,000.00 to start with 2020 budget.
5. Assemblyman Colin Schmitt – invitation to attend the “Salute to First Responders” inaugural. Our Chief, Don Smith, was nominated by The Town of Highlands and will be honored on September 16th at 6:30 pm at the Orange County Emergency Services Center.
6. Hometown Firefighters – notice that our 2020 budget should account for LOSAP contribution which should be \$82,435.00. This is an increase from our current budget.
7. Partners In Safety – physical received; filed
8. TEK Occupational Services – physical received; filed
9. MES – notification to test the Scot-Paks; given to Chief
10. DEC – we were awarded a \$1,500.00 matching grant (total \$3,000.00 once we put in). Will be used to purchase PPE equipment.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the July 2019 regular monthly minutes was made by M. Cahill, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by A. Lynch, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

Checks Received: None

Bills:

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$23,313.97 as per attached abstract 386, Claim numbers 5253 through 5270 was made by A. Lynch, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

Chief's Report *(see attached)*

1. Motion to approve the extension of gear for a member and spend up to \$200.00 to do so, made by M. Cahill, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve up to \$150.00 to buy check valves for the boat made by A. Lynch, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.
3. FMFD Fire Department annual picnic will be at the firehouse on September 14th, 12 noon.
4. Orange County parade on September 28th in Warwick, NY. Motion to approve the use of department apparatus Chief deems appropriate to take made by M. Cahill, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried.

Asst. Chief's Report: None

Commissioner's Report:

1. Discussion ensued on 2019 physicals. Motion to suspend Shawn Broessler and Joe Mesaris due to failure to secure physicals. Motion made by M. Cahill, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried. Once these members complete and pass their physicals, they will be re-instated.
2. There are two members that have gone to get their physicals with results pending. The board makes a motion to defer a decision to suspend or put on medical leave until the first Tuesday of September. Motion made by A. Camp, seconded by J. Monteleone, with A. Lynch opposing, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Truck Committee – A. Lynch asked numbers on truck be reviewed and crunched more. Does not want a rush decision to be made. After this round of changes, M. Cahill is requesting to see where we are in price. Would not like to spend more than \$650,000.00 on the new truck. He would also like the vendor to come in and talk to the board.
2. J. Monteleone spoke to O&R and they will be crediting us back to July 5th. The credit will show up on the next bill.

New Business:

1. Motion to approve Treasurer to spend up to \$300.00 to buy checks made by A. Lynch, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the August 20, 2019 Monthly Meeting at 9:20 pm was made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2019

Submitted by: Jennifer Hurst, Secretary